Establishment of Hydrodynamic Test Facility in Andhra Pradesh

3825. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish a Hydrodynamic Test Facility at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal, the amount earmarked for that purpose, the amount already spent and the progress made in this regard; and

(c) what is the amount allocated for the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (N.S.T.C.) during Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) High Speed Towing Tank is being set up at NSTL, Vishakhapatnam at an estimated cost of Rs. 960.38 lakhs with required high speed carriage, wave generator, planner motion system and supporting workshop facilities.

(c) Laboratory-wise allocation are not generally disclosed because of the type and nature of work done in different laboratories.

Allocations from MRDF to Universities in Andhra Pradesh

3826. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the amount allocated to the universities and research institutes in Andhra Pradesh from Marine Research Development Fund (MRDF) during the current financial year, to encourage meaningful ocean related activities;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase these allocations in the year 1988-89; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No separate allocation has been made from Marine Reserch Development Fund (MRDF) to any university or research institute with reference to any particular State. During the current financial year an amount of Rs. 40,825 has already been released to the research institutions in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. There is no proposal received by the Department to increase the allocation.

Bangla programme from T.V./A.I.R.

3827. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras, which broadcast/telecast programme in Bangla (Bengali);

(b) the time given to Bangla programmes during 1986 as a percentage of total broadcasting/telecasting time; and

(c) the composition of the listening area of each of these stations in terms of districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Doordarshan Kendra Calcutta telecast programmes in Bengali in its regional service on a regular basis. These